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TOSEC 55 (ZFF ALGIERS ONLY)

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SUBJECT: MILITARY CARGO AIRCRAFT FOR SYRIA

FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY (SISCO AND ATHERTON)

1. LOCKHEED'S WASHINGTON OFFICE CALLED DEPARTMENT (NEA/ARN) APRIL 29 TO REPORT THAT LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT HAS BEEN ASKED COME TO DAMASCUS APRIL 30 FOR URGENT MEETING WITH GENERAL MOHAMED ASAD MOKAYED TO TALK ABOUT SUPPLY OF MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO SYRIA. LOCKHEED ASSUMES SYRIANS INTERESTED IN C-130. THEY PLAN GIVE SYRIANS PRICE AND PRODUCTION AVAILABILITY DATA (EARLIEST REGULAR DELIVERY FOR NEW ORDERS IS 1976) AND SAY THAT SALE IS OF COURSE SUBJECT TO USG LICENSING, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR SYRIA SINCE RUPTURE OF RELATIONS IN 1967. LOCKHEED WASHINGTON OFFICE REP SAID HE THOUGHT SYRIAN APPROACH MIGHT BE CONNECTED
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WITH SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT.

2. DEPTOFF SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED LOCKHEED LINE AND THOUGHT THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS PROBABLY BEST ONE. DEPTOFF CONFIRMED THAT LOCKHEED'S INFORMATION RE LICENSING IS CORRECT. DEPT. WILL ADDITIONALLY BE INFORMING LOCKHEED THAT MUNITIONS CONTROL REGULATIONS FORBID RELEASE OF TECHNICAL DATA ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITHOUT PRIOR STATE DEPT. APPROVAL.

3. LOCKHEED UNDERSTANDS GENERAL MOKAYED IS SYRIAN AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF. DEPARTMENT FILES HAVE MOKAYED (ALSO SPELLED MUQAYYAD) AS AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF FROM 1967 TO 1970 AND PRESENTLY HEAD OF SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES. RUSH

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